

U.S. Application No.:
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket: 3975.003

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to Claim 5:

5. Verfahren nach [einem der Ansprüche] Anspruch 1 [bis 4],
dadurch gekennzeichnet, daß als numerische Zufallsgeneratoren die
Programm-Codes G05DYF, G05DZF, G05CAF, G05CCF der NAG Library
(NAG FORTRAN Workstation Library, NAG Group Ltd., 1986) allein
oder in Kombination miteinander ausgewählt und für die
stochastischen Verfahren Mutation und Kreuzung eingesetzt werden.

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